

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 11, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 16, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Corporate Environmental Advisors Inc. for a Grant of Location to install up to 3 monitoring wells in Osgood St.
4. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 100 ft. of conduit in Broadway.
5. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 8 ft. of conduit in Russell St.
6. Petition Boston Edison for a Grant of Location to install 11 ft. of conduit in Russell St.
7. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 8 ft. of conduit in Russell St.
8. Petition RCN for a Grant of Location to install 8 ft. of conduit in Russell St.
9. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 40 ft. of conduit in Summer St.
10. Petition Boston Edison for a Grant of Location to install 64 ft. of conduit in Summer St.
11. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 40 ft. of conduit in Summer St.
12. Petition RCN for a Grant of Location to install 40 ft. of conduit in Summer St.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

13. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board honors the service and sacrifice of the following Somerville veterans of the Viet Nam War: Army Private William J. McRae, killed 8/9/67, age 23, and Marine Lance Corporal Fred J. DeLorenzo Jr., killed 8/12/69, age 18.

14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD report on the construction activities on Sewall Ct. for code and safety violations.

15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works schedule Stimpson Sq. for street cleaning as posted.

16. Order By Ald. Pero and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree blocking the stop sign on Jaques St. at the corner of Fellsway West.

17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign on Park Pl. stating that it is a Private Way and that parking is for residents only.

18. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce resident permit parking on Dickinson St., especially on nights and weekends, due to continued violations by patrons of surrounding businesses.

19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines contact NStar to repair street lights opposite 33 Miller St., 27 Wyatt St., 319 Washington St., 43 Church St., 30 Quincy St., 36 Putnam St., and Summer St. at Prescott St.

20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Lincoln Park Community School Project Manager add a requirement to all RFPs for contractors, that preference will be given to contractors that have Somerville residents on their workforce or are Somerville based businesses.

21. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a street sign at the corner of Somerville Ave. and Medford St.

22. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 60 Washington St.

23. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the catch basin at 11 George St.

24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of Lights and Lines repair the street lights at 21 Wheeler St. and 34 Florence St.
25. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to the Florence St. Playground and enforce the 10 PM closing. (2nd request)
26. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install an audio pedestrian signal at the corner of Central and Summer Sts.
27. Order By Ald. Sullivan and White, That the Directors of SPCD and CityStat devise a comprehensive plan to deal with illegal rooming houses and present it at a future Public Health and Safety Committee meeting.
28. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works conduct routine maintenance on the Bike Path to include litter removal, grass cutting and shrub trimming.
29. Order By Ald. Sullivan, White and Pero, That the Director of SPCD inspect 15 Kenneson Rd. for an illegal rooming house.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health bait all sewers and catch basins in the vicinity of College Ave. (Highland to Morrison Aves.), Winslow Ave., Elm Ct. and Grove St.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health issue a rodent/trash advisory to all College Ave. (Highland to Morrison Aves.), Winslow Ave., Elm Ct. and Grove St. property owners regarding the proper storage of trash, and take all action necessary to resolve neighbors' concerns.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works install brick pavers in the sidewalk near 15 Campbell Pk.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road depressions in Morrison Ave. between College and Willow Aves.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove and replace the dead tree on Morrison Ave. at the corner of Josephine Ave.

35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees on Liberty Ave. between Kidder Ave. and Broadway to eliminate contact with homes and utility lines.
36. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the downed 15 MPH street sign near 44 Hawthorne St.
37. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the faded or paved over crosswalks at Clifton St. and Morrison Ave., and at Winslow Ave. and Grove St.
38. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police install the speed board on Hawthorne St. beyond the West St. intersection, to curtail speeding traffic.
39. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to stop all non-permitted amplified entertainers from performing on public property in Davis Sq., especially the plaza opposite the Somerville Theatre.
40. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean and cut any weeds in and around the Powder House School Building and grounds and remove any trash.
41. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalk and grass area at 247 Powder House Blvd. for a possible sinkhole and make any repairs.
42. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works determine why trash collection is not being done on a regular basis on Seven Pines Ave.
43. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order SF Properties to activate the sound exit indicator at the exit of the Magoun Sq. CVS. (2nd request)
44. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works weed and cut the sidewalks along Broadway, from Ball Sq. to Magoun Sq.
45. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Arborist examine the tree at 436 Broadway.
46. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration finalize the contract for the City Arborist position ASAP.

47. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD continue the stop work order at the corner of Medford and Trull Sts. and order the developer/owner to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

48. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD consult with the City Solicitor and order the fence to be removed from the private way on Downer Pl. as all abutters have rights to the middle of the private way.

49. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to permit the city to designate certain areas as "Senior Safety Zones."

50. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor draft written guidelines governing the use of city buildings by private individuals and organizations, and their participation in city-sponsored events.

51. Order By Ald. White and Sullivan, That the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund have its billing program examined and modified to accurately estimate water consumption prior to sending out any further estimated bills.

52. Resolution By Ald. White, Provost and Pero, That this Board expresses its displeasure with the failure of the DCR to 1) remove graffiti prior to the National Night Out event that was recently held in Foss Park, 2) maintain operating lights at the Park, and 3) adequately clean and maintain the Park.

53. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking draft an ordinance pertaining to the time, place, fee and permit process for storage/moving trailers/pods placed on public ways.

54. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works include Hillside Circle on the repaving list.

55. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works provide the Ward 3 Alderman with an update on the activation of the traffic signal in Union Sq. at the Citizens Bank crossing.

56. Order By the Entire Board, That this Board re-appoints John J. Long to the position of City Clerk for a three-year term.

57. Comm. By Pres. Desmond, Appointing Aldermen Connolly and Taylor to the new Multicultural Affairs Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

58. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92nd birthday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

59. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to add a sales tax on motor vehicle rentals.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance 2005-02, which created the Multicultural Affairs Commission.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance 10-36, Avoidable Alarms.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting adoption of an ordinance creating a fine for the commercial towing of vehicles.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting the use of \$46,538 in available funds in the Police Salaries Account to fund a Financial Analyst.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$238,915.02 grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security to cover training for Anti-Terrorism, National Incident Management and Weapons of Mass Destruction.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$55,875 grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for senior programming.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend the remaining \$22,463.70 of a \$50,000 gift from Cambridge Health Alliance to fund the Somerville Trauma Response Network along with an additional \$25,000 the Alliance has also agreed to provide for the remainder of FY06.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$19,500 grant from DCR to assist with planning and designing an undercrossing of the Mystic Valley Pkwy/Rte 28 bridge between Ten Hills and Assembly Sq.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$15,000 grant from the Dept. of Justice reimbursing the Somerville Police Dept. overtime for participating in the DOJ Forfeiture Program.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$5,500 grant from the University of Southern California for the science curriculum, Guiding Good Choices in English and Spanish.

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| 70. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend an \$840 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Office of Domestic Preparedness for 4 Fire personnel for attending IS 700 training at Mass Port. |
| 71. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to accept a \$300 gift from Ms. Stephanie Powers for the Sunsetters. |
| 72. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to expend a \$186.60 grant from the Metro-Boston Homeland Security Office to cover the attendance of the Acting Chief Fire Alarm Operator at a Dispatchers Interoperability meeting. |
| 73. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices within the Police Dept. totaling \$2,609.05. |
| 74. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices within the Recreation Dept. totaling \$100. |
| 75. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay prior fiscal year invoices within the Recreation Dept. totaling \$39.28. |
| 76. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for SPCD to seek funding through an Urban Self Help Grant and to enter into agreements with the state to assist in developing 3 new parks: Allen St. Park, Durrell Park and Kemp Nut Park. |
| 77. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the dedication for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcels of land known as Allen Street Park. |
| 78. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the dedication for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcels of land known as Durrell Park. |
| 79. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the dedication for recreational use, in perpetuity, the parcels of land known as Kemp Nut Park. |
| 80. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of David Guss to the Historic Preservation Commission. |
| 81. | Mayor's Request | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Scott Kingsley as Constable. |
| 82. | Mayor's Comm. | Proclaiming September, 2005, to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. |
| 83. | Mayor's Comm. | Proclaiming September, 2005, to be Central American Independence Month. |
| 84. | Mayor's Comm. | Proclaiming September 16, 2005, to be Stepfamily Day. |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 85. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, August 9. |
| 86. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, August 9. |
| 87. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, August 9. |
| 88. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, August 9. |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

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| 89. | City Officer Comm. | Chief Assessor responding to #179295 re: telecommunications companies shifting legal title of their taxable equipment to out of state companies to avoid paying taxes. |
| 90. | City Officer Comm. | Chief of Police responding to various BOA orders. |
| 91. | City Officer Comm. | SPCD Director responding to various BOA orders. |
| 92. | City Officer Comm. | Veterans' Services Director responding to #179284 re: the cleaning of the Vietnam Memorial. |

NEW BUSINESS

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| 93. | Public Occ | <u>Public Property Occupancy Permit</u>
Marshall St. Watch Block Party, Marshall St. Playground, July 28, 6-8PM. |
| 94. | Public Occ | Hawthorne St. Block Party, West St. to Willow Avenue, Aug. 6, 3-11PM. |
| 95. | Public Occ | Christian Fellowship of Boston Live Gospel Music Band, Conway Park, Sept. 24, 4:30-7PM. |
| 96. | Public Occ | Somerville Pathfinder Club Canning Drive, McGrath Hwy./Broadway and Union Sq., Aug. 14, 21, Sept. 4, 11, 10:30AM-1PM. |
| 97. | Public Occ | Malvern Ave. Block Party, Sept. 24, 1PM-7PM. (Rain date Sept. 25.) |

98. Public Occ Brown School Card Sales Fundraiser, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Aug. 28, Sept. 17-18, Oct. 1-2, 1-4PM.
99. Public Occ XYTV Casting Call, Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sept. 13, 4:30-7PM.
100. Public Occ Boston Ave. Block Party, Kidder Ave. to Prichard Ave., Sept. 11, 4-7PM.
101. Public Occ Fairmount Ave. Block Party, Curtis St. to Hill St., Sept. 11, Noon-6PM.
102. Public Occ A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Party, Frances Ave., Sept. 18, 4-6PM. (Rain date Sept. 25.)
103. Public Occ Musical Performance by "Dig in the Dirt", Davis Sq. Statue Park, Sept. 17, 4-6PM.
104. Public Occ Location filming for "Sides", Sept. 3, Davis Sq. Statue Park, 3-9PM, and basketball courts at Grove St. and Highland Ave., 9PM-1AM.
105. Public Occ Location filming for "Sides", basketball court at Grove St. and Highland Ave., Aug 25, 7AM-3PM.
106. Public Occ S.O.U.L. 2 (Somerville Opportunities to Unite Lives), Lexington Park, Aug. 20, 1-4PM. (Rain date 8/21.)
107. Public Occ Neighbor Get Together, Richardson Terrace, Aug. 26, 5:30-11PM.
108. Public Occ Home Depot Pro Event, Home Side parking lot, 75 Mystic Ave., Aug. 23, 10AM.
109. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Mass. Bay Commuter Rail, 70 Rear Third Ave., 43,000 gallons.
110. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 25 autos.
111. Garage Lic. Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, 21 Third Ave., 76 autos. (2004 license)
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113. Garage Lic. F.W. Russell & Sons Disposal, 120 McGrath Hwy., 25 autos.

- 114. Garage Lic. Somerville Auto Center, 193 Somerville Ave., 35 autos.
- 115. Drain Layer **Renewal of Drain Laying License**
Rockwell Construction Co.
- 116. Extended **Renewal of Extended Retail Hours License**
Retail Hours Maxi Drug Inc. dba Brooks Pharmacy #571, 14 McGrath
Hwy., 24/7.
- 117. Outdoor Seat **New Outdoor Seating/Goods License**
David Sakowski, Magpie Industries, 378A Highland Ave.
Sign for sidewalk.
- 118. Outdoor Seat Caroline Gaeta dba The Broken York, 136 College Ave.,
2 tables with 3 seats each.
- 119. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion License Transfer**
Transfer from John Splaine, S.L.S. Transportation Inc., to
Erta Compere, Medallion #75 & #76.
- 120. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxicab Medallion License**
Henry E. Ekstrom dba Halligan Corp., Medallion #63.
- 121. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Silcor Trans. Inc., Medallion #51.
- 122. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Somerville Trans. Inc., Medallion #71.
- 123. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Silcor Trans. Inc., Medallion #77.
- 124. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Silcor Trans. Inc., Medallion #52.
- 125. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Silcor Trans. Inc., Medallion #93.
- 126. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Ormond Trans. Inc., Medallion #89.
- 127. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Ormond Trans. Inc., Medallion #62.
- 128. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Ormond Trans. Inc., Medallion #50.
- 129. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Ormond Trans. Inc., Medallion #49.
- 130. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Eastern Trans. Inc., Medallion #73.
- 131. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Eastern Trans. Inc., Medallion #87.
- 132. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Eastern Trans. Inc., Medallion #90.

- 133. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Alewife Trans. Inc., Medallion #65.
- 134. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Alewife Trans. Inc., Medallion #69.
- 135. Taxi Med. John DaSilva dba Alewife Trans. Inc., Medallion #80.
- 136. Taxi Med. Marie-Claire Pady dba JP Laurie Taxi Inc., Medallion #60.
- 137. Taxi Med. Marie-Claire Pady dba Bibi's Cab Inc., Medallion #20.
- 138. Comm. **Communication**
Barbara Stevens requesting a hearing under City Charter Title 4 Section 23.
- 139. Comm. State Rep. Jehlen responding further to #179094 re: DCR notifying the city of impending roadwork.
- 140. Comm. 50 residents communicating via postcard supporting the effort to put the socially responsible investing (divestment) question on the ballot.
- 141. Comm. Somerville Divestment Project re: Artbeat Festival.
- 142. Comm. Somerville Divestment Project re: SDP Protest Actions.
- 143. Comm. Somerville Divestment Project re: divestment.
- 144. Comm. American Jewish Congress re: divestment.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM